

26 MAY 1971

The Honorable F. Edward Hebert  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request of 8 February 1971 for a report on H. R. 1600, a bill "To amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 to prohibit the Agency from contributing funds to domestic organizations."

The restrictive provisions of this bill would preclude the Agency from even subscribing to or otherwise purchasing publications, such as newspapers, magazines, trade journals, periodicals, etc., from private domestic organizations. The timely acquisition and review of this material is most important to the Agency in carrying out its responsibilities. Further, the bill would prevent the Agency from sponsoring the attendance of Agency personnel at academic institutions for training purposes. We are opposed to H. R. 1600 in its present form.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Respectfully,

**SIGNED**

Richard Helms  
Director

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